

# Region 6

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FALL CENSARA MEETING, OCTOBER 2019

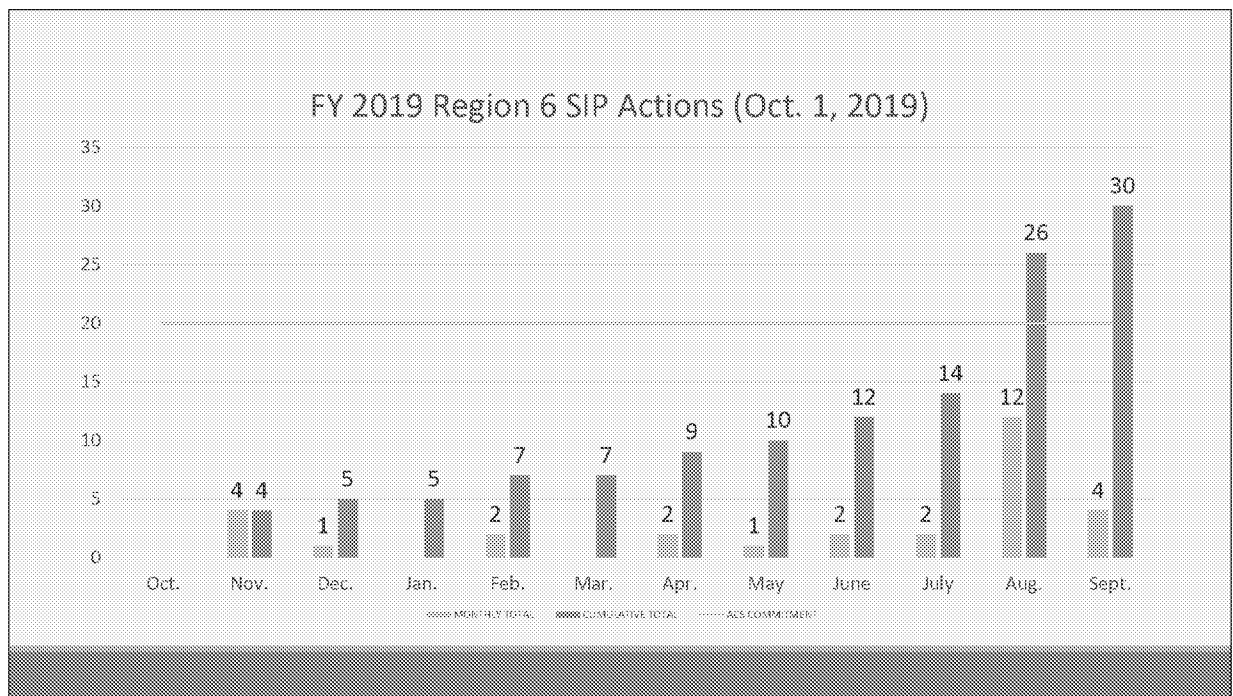
## FY19 Measures (Region 6)

Measures	Target	Actual
Total actions on SIPs	20	30 - 16 backlogged - 14 nonbacklogged
SIPs Received in FY2019	NA	22

This slide shows how we exceeded our goal for addressing SIPs for FY19.

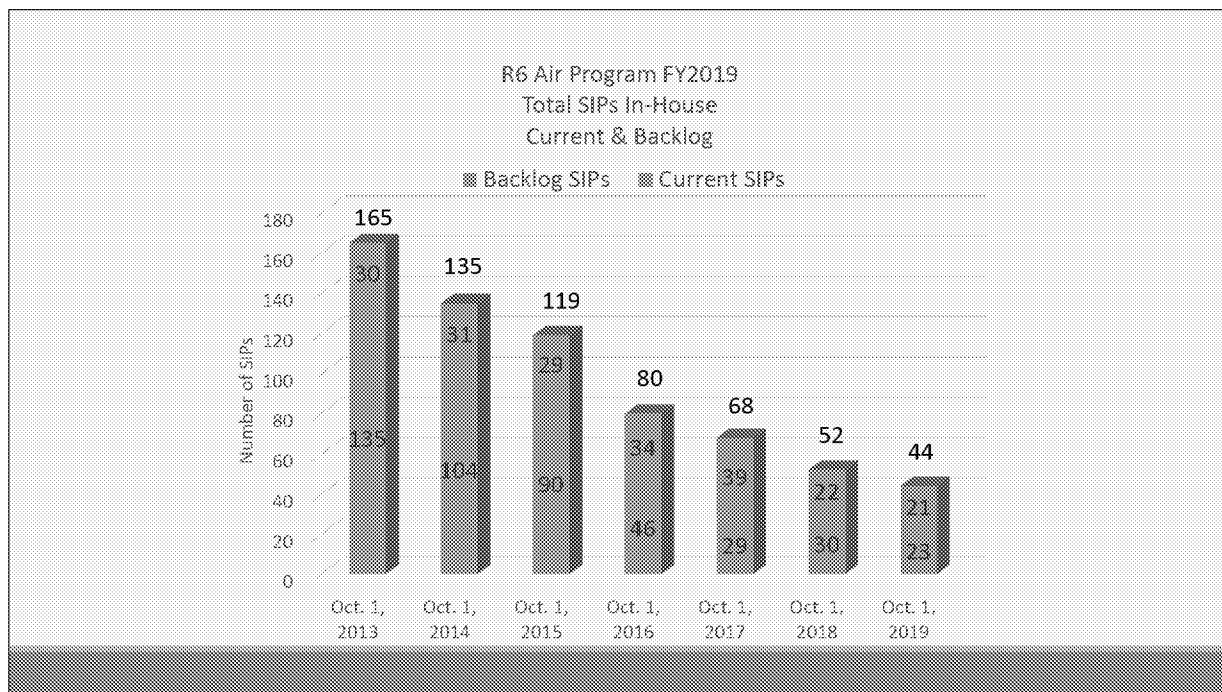
We targeted 20 SIP revisions and actually processed 30.

Some of this has to do with processing SIPs that we hadn't yet received at the beginning of the year.



This is a visual depiction of our progress during the year.

It shows how we really finished the year strong where a number of things came together.



Here is another visual depiction which shows the great progress we have made since we started our focus on the backlog.

You can see that during 2019 we have a 15% decrease in the SIPs in house and a 23% decrease in the backlog making it the sixth year in a row that we have processed more SIPs than we have received.

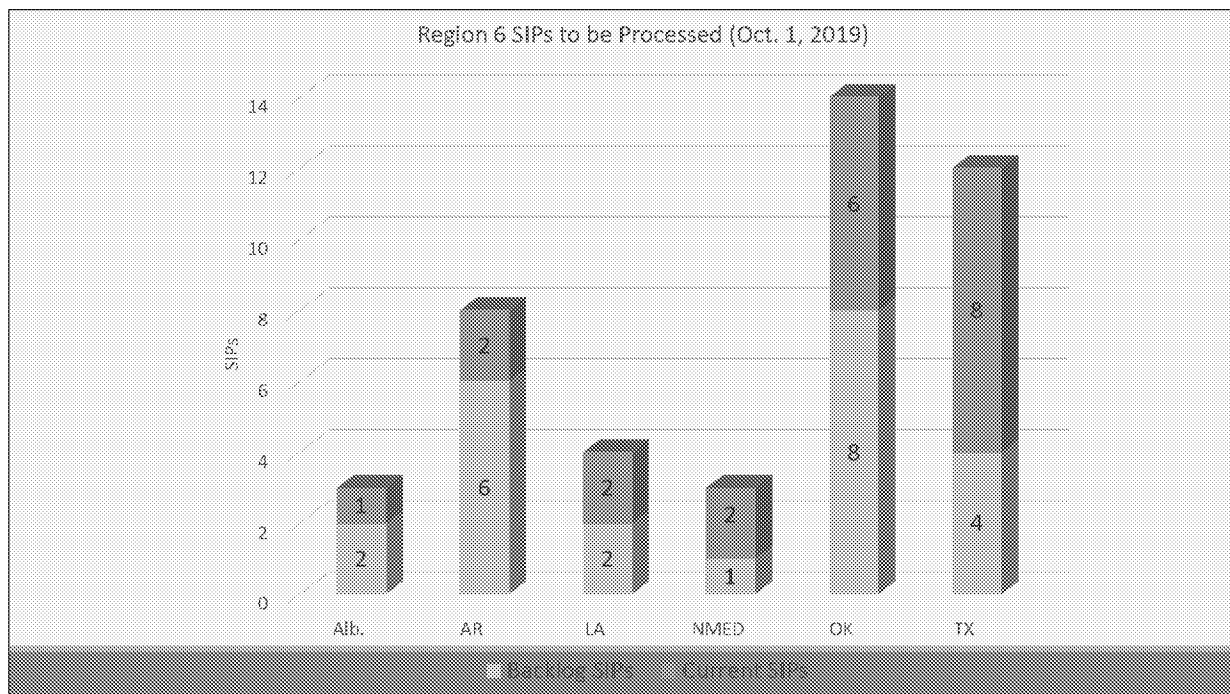
We are pretty proud of the progress that has been made and which has continued this year.

We are projecting that we will continue to make progress in 2020 but it is fair to say progress is slowing. We are projecting the backlog at the end of FY 2020 will be 19.

It is probably inevitable that progress will slow because:

The low hanging fruit is gone. All but a few of the SIPs in the backlog have issues that just won't be resolved quickly.

2) We have lost staff both in the program and in our Regional counsel and it is starting to be felt.



Here are how the SIPs are distributed.

These blue portion of the bars represent each of your backlogs

These backlog numbers are the smallest I have ever seen.

We hope to bring the Oklahoma and Arkansas numbers down significantly during FY2020.

Unfortunately, we will have some SIPs go backlog during the year. So we expect the net reduction in the backlog to be about 4.



We were pretty excited about the progress we made so we had a little celebration.

Here you can see a portion of the team that made it happen.

Of course we couldn't have done it without help from our States.

I want to thank each of you for the help you gave us engaging on SIP revisions and helping us when we had questions or needed more information.

Now I am going to walk through our priorities State by State.

## FY20 Priorities- Arkansas

- Processing of the Regional Haze Domtar Revision
- Removal of the last portion of the Regional Haze FIP.
- Elimination of the SIP backlog

*Expect that Arkansas will be first State in the Region that:*

- ✓ *Has no nonattainment areas*
- ✓ *Has no SIP Backlog*

Our main priority for Arkansas is to clear the slate on Regional Haze for the first planning period by acting on the Domtar SIP revision and removing the last portion of the Regional haze FIP

Also we are very excited that we expect the Arkansas backlog should be zero before the calendar year runs out. We expect Arkansas will soon submit a SIP revision that will withdraw and replace a number of visibility transport SIP revisions and that withdrawal piece will bring the Arkansas backlog to zero. Arkansas will be the first State in the Region to have no backlog.

Not only that, Arkansas is attaining all of the standards

Obviously, this is where we want to be and positions Arkansas well for the ACE rule and the Regional haze FIP for the second planning period.

I want to thank ADEQ for all of the early engagement on Regional Haze. It seems like there have been a lot of twists and turns but I think the end is in sight. Hopefully, you found Region 6 helpful during the process.

## FY20 Priorities- Louisiana

- Attainment Plan for Evangeline Parish
- Redesignation for St Bernard Parish
- 2015 ISIP
- Stage II Repeal

Consistent with the national goal, we want to bring areas into attainment

So we want to be working with LDEQ on an approvable attainment demo for Evangenline and an approvable redesignation request for St Bernard.

Also we expect to acting on some straight forward SIP revision, keeping them out of the backlog.

## FY20 Priorities- Oklahoma

- Permitting SIP revision Backlog
- 2015 Ozone iSIP
- Work on a SIP revision to replace the Regional Haze FIP?

For Oklahoma, Jeff's folks are focused on addressing long standing issues on permitting. We have had some discussions and hope to ramp up those discussions this year. We expect to be able to approve 4 SIP permitting revisions during the year and we hope to work with ODEQ to find solutions for the issues on the remaining permitting SIP revisions.

We expect to process the iSIP timely.

We have had discussions with ODEQ regarding replacing the Regional Haze FIP with a SIP and we are hopeful that something can be worked out to allow that.

## FY20 Priorities- Texas

- Finalization of SSM SIP call action
- Finalization of BART FIP
- Finalization of Houston and Dallas Redesignations
- Proposal of El Paso and Beaumont Redesignations

Texas has some of the biggest challenges and highest priorities.

We are working hard on responses to comments to allow finalization of the Texas SSM SIP call proposed withdrawal action. This is a high priority at all levels of EPA.

We really want to clean the slate for Regional haze in the first planning period we expect to propose a supplemental action on the BART FIP and finalize that rule making. This will clear the way to finally take action on the rest of the Regional Haze SIP in Texas.

We also want to finally be done with the 1 hr and 1997 8 hour which can happen if we can approve the Houston, Dallas, Beaumont and El Paso redesignation requests. Of course these submittals were triggered by the south coast II decision. Unfortunately, the court didn't make everything crystal clear on how we were to address areas that were previously not meeting the revoked standards.

## FY20 Priorities General

- Early Engagement on Second Planning Period Regional Haze SIPs
- Region 6 State Director's Meeting
- SO2 Designations
- Early Engagement on ACE SIP revisions
- Deep Water Ports (PSD/title V permits) and Tribal NSR permits
- Continue EtO discussions/support with States
- Grant Matrix Switch to NPM guidance
- 5-Year Monitoring Network Assessments due July 1, 2020
- TSAs (training new staff)
- Title V Petitions Pending HQ Established Schedules
- Applicability Determinations

Here we have kind of a hodgepodge of thing that apply to all of the States and will be priority activities for the Region

### Grant Matrix Switch Notes:

- States historically received draft NPM guidance months prior to the matrix development
- States developed grant workplans using the draft or final NPM guidance
- EPA uses the final NPM guidance to develop the matrix and then send it out
- During the last several grant cycles, R6 has issued the matrix after the workplans are due
- R6 is retiring the matrix and will use the NPM guidance as the basis for workplans with States and local air planning & regulatory authorities

5-Year Monitoring Network Assessments are due July 1, 2010.....this is in addition to the Annual Network Plans that are also due July 1, 2020.

NSR, NESHAP, NSPS Applicability Determination work will potentially moves from Enforcement Division to Air & Radiation Division. Not sure of potential dates yet, and Regions can potentially consider keeping aligned as currently aligned. Alternative Monitoring Plans and/or Methods will still need to be worked through Air Enforcement in Enforcement Division.